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Column One

By

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THERE are bases and bases. For my part I prefer the second kind, which are not a matter of pacts and policies and cannot be demonstrated against except — in the instance I now have in mind — by penguins, who are not much given to rash demonstration although they tend to a certain demagogic uniformity of impulse. In other words, just now all kinds of countries, irrespective of political blocs or the way they vote at U.N. have expeditions beating their way doggedly (or whatever should be the chilly adjective in a case like this) through Antarctica to set up bases in connection with International Geophysical Year.

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THE British and Americans and Norwegians of course, the Australians and New Zealanders, the Russians, the Japanese, the French, the Argentinians and even the Spanish, all are making their way through snow and ice, to set up their bases, from which in due time the hardy explorers will plunge into the cold unknown, to come back, frost-bitten and knowledgeable of the ways of this enormous white and windy continent. Some men may, in the malice of our days, sit down and calculate how soon it will be before the other kind of bases are put up in the lonely world of Antarctica, where goodness knows what would happen if a hydrogen bomb were exploded; and, to be sure, there is no end to the silly things we do with the earth once we get our hands on it.

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JUST now, however, the nations as they break their way into Antarctica are amiably geophysical, meaning no harm to each other, having no peoples to subvert or draw into a defensive alignment or knock from their neutralist perches. There are frontiers of sorts, or at any rate Norwegian territory, British territory, U.S. and Australian territory, to all of which the respective sovereignties are welcome as far as I am concerned and, I hope, as far as each other is concerned. Some trouble there has been, of course, about the British Falkland Islands on the edge of Antarctica, to which Chile and Peron's Argentina have made claim; but for the most part this cold world induces its own pacification.

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THE trouble is that this year's international concentration on Antarctica may have the result of disclosing not merely additional scientific data but also physical resources sufficiently tempting to stir up dispute about their ownership. Well, let that prospect lie where it belongs. For the moment, the British expedition ship "Theron," having drifted for weeks on end in the ice of the Weddell Sea, luckily has come upon open water, and if her luck holds should be able to complete her voyage of 1200 miles to Vahsel Bay in good time to set up the main British base.

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THE Russians, with their 12,000 ton ship "Ob," have been cutting a channel through thick ice and in passing have set up the first Soviet "Antarctic town," which they have called Mirny. Prefabricated houses are being hauled up on tractor sledges, a radio station is in operation, and an electricity plant is building. Over the skyline at 92 deg. 57 min. East, an observatory is being put up.

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I HAVE not really touched upon the point of all this cold and courageous activity, perhaps because it escapes me. But whatever that point may be the activity itself is splendid. I respect above most others men who go out in hardihood and peaceable curiosity to find out everything they can about the earth we live on. It is a kind of extra-national urge that impels them, like the urge of pure knowledge. Mr. Nash, Labour Opposition leader in the Parliament of New Zealand, fears that the consequence may be plain nationalism and has asked that the Antarctic Continent be placed under U.N. trusteeship to ensure that peaceful citizens of all nations may have equal privileges there. For my part, I seek none in that icy wilderness, unless, of course, driven to do so one day because nowhere else can Mr. Nash's peaceful citizens enjoy the privilege of peace itself.

Jerusalem, January 30.

A.J.C. Urges Overall U.S. Guarantees in Mid-East

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The American Jewish Committee concluded its three-day 49th annual meeting today following the adoption of a statement on Israel calling for speedy arrangements by the U.S. to conclude security guarantees applicable to every nation in the Middle East willing to abide by such an agreement.

The statement also urged that Israel be permitted to purchase defensive arms in the U.S. in order to protect herself from war. It criticised Soviet hostility towards Israel.

Deep concern was expressed over the mounting tide of Arab propaganda in the U.S. directed against American Jews and seeking to foment anti-Semitism. Both Arab propagandists and native anti-Semites, it was charged, are trying to undermine the position of American Jewry and confuse the Middle East issue.

Two Wounded As Police Again Fire On Bombay Crowd

BOMBAY, Sunday. — Police opened fire on a group of people who threw stones at them tonight in central Bombay, wounding two of them. Fifteen persons were taken into custody.

This is the first major incident since last Monday, when the city returned to normal after week-long riots touched off by the Government's announcement that the city would be placed under central government administration.

In the meanwhile, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee last night adopted a resolution asking the Congress (Government) Party Working Committee to retract its directive to Ministers in Parliament and legislative members to withdraw their resignations.

The resignations had been submitted on the issue of reorganization of the Indian states.

(The Maharashtra branch of the party represents the Maharashtrians of Bombay, largest single community in the metropolis, who strongly oppose leaving the city under central administration under the planned redrawing of state boundaries to form the so-called "linguistic states," and whose protests flared into violent riots in Bombay last week.)

The resolution asked the Working Committee to let the Congress Parliamentary Board accept the resignations, considering the feelings of Maharashtrians over the issue of making Bombay a federal city.

The resolution said that the call for resignations was an expression of "pain and dissatisfaction" of the Maharashtrian people on the Government's decision to bring Bombay under central administration.

Bombay's Chief Minister Morarji Leygi is flying to New Delhi today. It was understood that he would discuss the possibility of including Bombay in one of the states formed in the reorganization. *(UP, Reuter)*

'Citizens' to Have More Say In Spanish Morocco

MADRID, Sunday (Reuter). — The Government has authorized the High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco, Lieutenant-General Rafael Garcia Valino, to transfer gradually the administrative services in Morocco to "the citizens" (Moroccans), it was officially announced today.

This was seen in Madrid as continuing the Spanish policy of transferring to Moroccans much of the local administration.

Hammarskjold Hears Pakistanis on Algeria

KARACHI, Sunday (Reuter). — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, who arrived in Karachi by air today, was told by the All-Pakistan Moghreb Committee that the U.N. should "halt the genocide in Algeria" and restore to Algerians their right to be free.

The Committee, composed of representatives of many political groups, said that the Moslems of Pakistan were perturbed at the French colonial war being waged in Algeria with the aid of NATO arms.

RUSSIA RECOGNIZES CAMBODIAN GOV'T

PNOMPENH, Cambodia, Sunday (Reuter). — Russia has decided to recognize Cambodia, and has asked her to exchange diplomatic missions, well-informed diplomatic sources said today.

Both Russia and China have invited Premier Prince Norodom Sihanouk to visit Moscow and Peking.

Dock Strike Strangling Australian Economy

SYDNEY, Sunday (UP).—Striking men and empty ships were slowly paralysing Australia's economy today as the waterfront strike entered its second week with both sides deadlocked.

Tonight, there were 162 idle ships in Australia's ports. An acute sugar shortage in Tasmania, a sugar surplus in Queensland, 40,000 tons of coal banked at Newcastle and $67m. worth of wool stored at various ports.

Thousands of persons faced loss of jobs as dependent industries and businesses exhaust their supplies and close down for lack of raw materials or ability to ship finished products.

Greenwood: Bloodshed If Israel Betrayed

MANSFIELD, Nottinghamshire, Sunday. — President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden should remember that any betrayal of Israel would mean "bloodshed on an undreamt of scale," a Labour M.P., Mr. Anthony Greenwood, said today.

Speaking on the eve of the Anglo-American talks in Washington, Mr. Greenwood said that both leaders "must realise that they can neither bully nor blackmail Israel. For Israel, only five miles across at one point, to make substantial territorial concessions would be suicidal."

Insisting that if Soviet Russia continued to supply arms to Egypt it would be "lunacy" for the West to deny defence weapons to Israel, he added: "If defenders of democracy are needed, Israel, with an economic system, is more likely to respond to the call than the dictatorships — civilian and military — which grace most of the Arab states."

Cypriots to Confer On British Proposal

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). — Archbishop Makarios, leader of the Enosis movement, tonight called a series of emergency meetings of a wide cross-section of the Cypriot Greek community to discuss new British proposals on the future of the island.

The meetings will be held over the next few days and will discuss proposals submitted in writing to the Archbishop yesterday by the Governor, Sir John Harding, following a two-and-a-half hour meeting on Friday night.

Archbishop Makarios was reported to have "broadly agreed" to the new British formula. It was said to include the concession of the right of self-government; talks on the exercise of self-determination; and safeguarding of Britain's interests in the island. There was reason to believe that the Greek Government had accepted the plan.

Cypriot terrorists claimed another victim today amid new hopes for an Anglo-Cypriot agreement on the future of the Mediterranean colony. He was a British soldier who died in a Paphos hospital from head injuries caused by a bomb attack yesterday.

Iraq to Boycott League Council

Iraq is likely to boycott the forthcoming session of the Arab League Council which has been called by Egypt to discuss the charges made by the Iraqi Government against the Egyptian Military Attache in Baghdad who has been expelled, according to the Jordan paper, "El Jihad," yesterday.

The paper reported from Baghdad that an official spokesman had stated that Iraq does not regard the Council as a court qualified to investigate the actions of individuals charged with subversive activities.

An Arab League spokesman declared in Cairo that this is the first time that a member state has invoked Article 5 of the League's Charter, which provides for the Council to sit as a court in disputes of this kind.

NEW IRAQI ENVOY TO JORDAN

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter).—Gen. Burhan e-Din Nuri was today appointed the first Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan by royal decree. He was a former Cabinet Minister and, since joining the diplomatic service more than three years ago, has been Ambassador to Persia.

Jordan and Iraq recently raised the status of their diplomatic representation to that of Embassy.

New Coalition Cabinet Formed in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sunday (UP). — Premier Ismail el Azhari has converted his National Union Party Cabinet into a coalition Government, it was officially announced today.

The new Cabinet comprises eight National Union members and eight representatives of Opposition parties. The new Government is expected to bring political stability and usher the Sudan into a constructive development campaign following the proclamation of independence last month.

Mollet's Cabinet Is 'Virtually' Formed

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — The Socialist Premier-designate, M. Guy Mollet, has tonight virtually completed his Cabinet — in which M. Pierre Mendes-France is to be a vice-Premier with no Ministry of his own.

M. Mendes-France, Radical New Dealer, was the driving force behind the Socialist-Radical Republican Front election alliance, but the Catholic Popular Republicans hinted that their conditions for backing M. Mollet were that M. Mendes-France should be neither Premier nor Foreign Minister.

Officials close to M. Mollet said tonight that he is determined not to make any concessions to the Communists in the Assembly on the North Atlantic pact, and will stress the need for France to remain faithful to her NATO obligations.

One official stated that the Socialist leader will take a liberal but firm attitude to Algeria in his investiture speech. M. Mollet said tonight that he would present himself before the National Assembly for investiture as Prime Minister on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning.

Jordan Raps Plans For 'Palestine Gov't'

The official Ramallah Radio last night launched a violent attack against what it said were plans aimed at reviving the "All-Palestine Arab Government" west of the Jordan. Although mentioning no names, the radio made it evident that such a plan has been proposed to Egypt by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini.

It will be recalled that such a government under Ahmed Hilmi Pasha had a short-lived existence in 1949, but disbanded with the advance of the Israel forces to the Gaza Strip.

The radio said that a "certain well-known personality had suggested to a certain Arab state" to push the idea of setting up such a Palestine government to include areas west of the Jordan River. It charged that this is a "new plot" against Jordan, designed to create discord at a time when unity in the Arab world is of prime importance.

Ramallah Radio earlier denied reports of a political crisis between King Hussein and Premier Samir Rifa'i regarding the setting up of the new Amman broadcasting station. (This was in reply to a report yesterday by the Cairo "Akhbar el Yom" that Rifa'i had submitted his resignation in protest against the employment of Yunis el Bahri as head of the new station and because of his anti-Egyptian broadcasts.)

SINGAPORE'S REQUEST

SINGAPORE, Sunday (UP). — The General Council of Singapore's ruling Labour Front decided today to call on the British Government to give independence to the colony by April, 1957.

Opinions Divided on Agenda, Duration of Zionist Congress

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sharply divided opinions over the form and duration of the 24th Zionist Congress to be held in Jerusalem in April characterized the third sitting of the full Jewish Agency Executive yesterday. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Executive, felt that the deliberations should go on for 10 days. The first three should deal with the security and political situation, take in the present state of emergency, consist of expert surveys and assessments and a debate, he said. Dr. Goldmann also urged that a special commission should draw up a declaration on these matters and bring it before the Congress.

Only then, said Dr. Goldmann, could the Congress turn its attention to specific problems and proposed reforms of the World Zionist Organization. He was all for concentrating as much of such a discussion as possible in one comprehensive general debate and did not approve of its being dispersed among a number of committees. He thought that this part of the Congress should occupy seven days.

Dr. Goldmann also suggested that the possibility of organising a general world Jewish assembly after the Congress be considered. Such an assembly would be composed of invited delegations and should take a stand on vital problems of moment.

Mr. Y. Sprinzak, Chairman of the Praesidium of the Zionist General Council, was against leaving Zionist issues and problems to last-minute deliberation at the Congress itself. A period of preparation was necessary. This should be utilised to inquire into the questions of strengthening and consolidating the World Zionist movement and should consist of mutual discussions between party representatives well before the Congress, which must not become an arena for party [illegible]. Mr. Sprinzak felt that the Congress could perform its tasks in five to six days, if his suggestions were followed.

Mr. Berl Locker, Chairman of the Executive, suggested inviting a number of prominent non-Jewish personalities to the Congress. He thought that the proceedings should go on for 10 days so that as many of the hundreds of delegates as possible could speak. He was all for the preparatory inter-party meetings suggested, and these should take place at least two weeks before the Congress. Leaders of Zionism in the Diaspora should be invited.

In the debate on these suggestions, the following took part: Mrs. Rose Halprin, Dr. I. Goldstein, Messrs. M. Kol, E. Dobkin, L. Segal, M. Grossman and Z. Shazar.

At the evening session, the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, reported on her recent trip to the U.S.

Congress Elections In Israel Unlikely

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Unless there is a last-minute change of plans, no elections to the Zionist Congress will take place in this country this year, Mr. Azriel Uri, Secretary of the Zionist Congress Election Committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* today. The decision was made some weeks ago by the political parties.

It is estimated that about 750,000 *shekalim* will have been sold by the end of the month, which would normally have given the holders the right to vote for delegates to the Congress.

MAC Asks Syria For Immediate Talks on PoW's

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — The Chairman of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, Chef de Bataillon Castonguay, has called on the Syrian authorities immediately to start negotiations with Israel for the exchange of prisoners and the implementation of the Security Council's decision of January 19 on the matter, it was learned today.

The Chairman emphasized that after the Council's specific resolution, the Syrians could no longer put off this issue. He also recalled the instructions concerning the exchange put forward by Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, Chief of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, and the talks held by Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General, in both Damascus and Jerusalem.

The M.A.C. a year ago ordered the Syrians to release unconditionally the four Israel soldiers held by them. The Syrians have evaded these orders on various pretexts, such as a demand for the release by Israel of a Syrian officer, Kamal Elmal, who they claim had been captured in the War of Independence, and other non-existent prisoners. The Syrians had also announced that they intended to put the four men on trial as infiltrators.

A representative of the International Red Cross, M. David de Traz, is also dealing with the exchange of the prisoners.

Syria Warns Against Israel Jordan Plan

DAMASCUS, Sunday (Reuter).—Syria told the U.S. in a memorandum today that she would not remain inactive in the face of any aggressive action that might be contemplated by Israel. Her warning was in connection with the reported intention of Israel to resume work on diverting the Jordan River waters in the demilitarized zone.

In the memorandum which Premier Said el Ghazi handed to the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. James Moose, the Syrian Government said that any further resumption of work by Israel would constitute a deliberate violation of the armistice agreement and would show a lack of respect for the Security Council's resolutions.

The memorandum drew attention to the resolution adopted by the Council in 1953, instructing Israel to suspend work on the Jordan waters pending negotiations between the two sides.

Syrian officials are in consultation with other Arab states over the question of adopting uniform measures in the matter, Government sources said. They stated that the Syrian action was prompted by an Israel memorandum addressed to the U.S. announcing that Israel would resume work on diverting the river waters unless the Arab states would agree before spring to the Jordan Valley development scheme worked out by Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East, who has been examining the problem.

A copy of the Syrian memorandum has been cabled to the Syrian Ambassador in Washington for handing to the U.S. Government.

ISRAEL POSITION

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel's position on the resumption of the work in the Jordan River valley is by this time no secret, it having been stated publicly so many times. On Mr. Eric Johnston's departure in October the Government announced that it would feel free to carry on with the work if Mr. Johnston failed in his negotiations with the Arab states for a general scheme. This has been repeated in the Knesset by the Government on several occasions.

Trevelyan, Nasser Hold 'Important' Meeting

The British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, had a two-and-a-half hour meeting with Premier Abdul Nasser yesterday. Cairo Radio termed the meeting "the most important" one since the British envoy assumed his post.

The conference was also the longest since the appointment of Sir Humphrey, who told reporters afterwards, "As usual, we discussed political and economic matters." The Premier refused comment.

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Mid-East Tops Agenda As Ike, Eden Open Talks Today

To Confer with 'Utmost Frankness'

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP).—President Eisenhower welcomes Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden at the White House tomorrow to inaugurate a new series of Anglo-American talks which, it is expected, will be conducted with the utmost frankness.

The fact that Mr. Eisenhower is having only Sir Anthony, Secretary of State Dulles and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd to lunch with him tomorrow suggests that they can immediately start on their business.

While Middle East problems, heightened by Anglo-American differences on some subjects, will continue to be the chief matter for discussion, there will be an exchange of views on the respective reactions to the Soviet note to the U.S. requesting a Soviet-American non-aggression pact.

The subjects to be discussed can be summarized as follows:

Middle East: (A) Egypt-Israel peace: Mr. Eisenhower will be interested to hear if Britain has any new ideas on the subject and will carefully consider them. Neither Mr. Eisenhower nor Sir Anthony is expected to work out a blueprint for peace but to find some way of getting the two sides to talk together, possibly in a neutral capital where they would be assured of no publicity when discussing such delicate matters as minor frontier rectifications.

'Blackout Recalled'

It is recalled that for the 10 months before Italy and Yugoslavia signed the Trieste accord, a complete blackout was maintained on the negotiations. If Sir Anthony suggests putting teeth into the 1950 Tripartite Declaration for maintaining peace in the Middle East, it is expected that the U.S. would show extreme caution in agreeing to any "tough" policy.

(B) Buraimi: Mr. Eisenhower will endeavour to get Sir Anthony to try further arbitration negotiations with Saudi Arabia on this disputed area in the Persian Gulf so that Saudi Arabia does not bring it up before the U.N. Security Council in February, where Anglo-American differences would be magnified and emphasised. This may prove to be the thorniest Anglo-American problem of the Middle East.

(C) Baghdad Pact: As Britain knows, the U.S. is not prepared to accede to the pact at present. However, the Baghdad pact members will be made to feel that they have not been abandoned while the U.S. concentrates on obtaining good relations with Egypt.

Nasser-Nuri Rift

Sir Anthony is expected to suggest that an effort be made to reduce the present ill-feeling between the Egyptian Premier, Abdul Nasser, and the Iraqi Premier, Nuri e-Said.

Mediterranean and Africa: Mr. Eisenhower will point out that the U.S. considers with some anxiety the Greek elections on February 19, and consequently he will express the hope that Field Marshal Sir John Harding, the Governor of Cyprus, can negotiate with hopes of success now with Archbishop Makarios. The U.S. does not want anything to happen at the Greek elections which could tend to neutralize Greece as a valuable NATO ally.

The Anglo-U.S. talks will review the present Soviet efforts to penetrate Africa, of which the setting up of a large Embassy in Libya is a recent example. Others are Soviet efforts to have an Embassy in Liberia; the present visit of the Soviet Ambassador to Belgium in the Belgian Congo and the possibility of Soviet Russia establishing a Legation in Tangier and taking part in the local council.

Soviets Silent On U.S. Rejection

Moscow's press and radio yesterday made public the text of Marshal Bulganin's letter to President Eisenhower seeking a non-aggression pact with the U.S.

Neither the newspapers nor Moscow Radio made any comment, nor did they issue Mr. Eisenhower's reply to the Soviet Premier. The latter will likely be made public today, along with official reaction.

Diplomatic quarters believed that publication of President Eisenhower's letter was being delayed in order to make propaganda capital of his rejection of a 20-year pact.

Reports from Washington yesterday reported that Mr. Walter George, Democrat Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, praised President Eisenhower's reply as "a most excellent example of moderation and sincerity." He said he was confident that all Americans will approve of Mr. Eisenhower's suggestion that Russia improve relations through deeds instead of "merely repeating words."

Aboard the Queen Elizabeth as the vessel neared New York, sources close to Sir Anthony Eden said that the British Premier will throw his full support behind Mr. Eisenhower's attitude.

A Government spokesman in Paris said yesterday that Mr. Eisenhower's reply reflected the French position adopted after the "summit" meeting in Geneva. The Quai d'Orsay had not been informed of the Bulganin message to Mr. Eisenhower in advance, it was said, but the French Government was not surprised by the President's answer.

In Prague, Foreign Minister Molotov, who attended the Warsaw Pact conference in the Czech capital, said before his return to Moscow last night that he "could not understand" how Mr. Eisenhower "can refuse a treaty of friendship."

Replying to correspondents at a reception given by President Antonin Zapatocky of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Molotov added: "Any contact between the two countries is likely to improve the situation." *(UP, Reuter)*

Engineers and Chemists Threaten to Strike

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Engineers, architects, chemists and agronomists employed by the Government, Municipalities and public institutions, and those self-employed, will strike on February 7, if the Government does not change its stand on the wage policy as it affects them. This decision was made by 48 representatives of some 3,000 members of these professions who met at Beit Hamehandess tonight.

The meeting also decided not to recognize the Central Committee of the Engineers Association, which had previously accepted the Government wages plan whereby they would receive 50 per cent of the increases promised them earlier by the Histadrut Executive.

Instead of a central committee, tonight's gathering appointed a National Union of Engineers, Architects, Chemists and Agronomists, which was authorized to act for them until the committee is elected. They demanded the immediate resignation of the Central Committee.

A national convention of these professions was called for February 6, if the Government has not reversed its policy and met their demands by that time.

Jordan Paper Gloats Over Reports UNRWA to Close

The announcement on Saturday that Mr. Henry Labouisse, Director of UNRWA, would be forced to resign because of lack of funds, gave the Old City daily, "El Jihad," yesterday the opportunity of expressing editorial satisfaction at this development.

"This is the hour the Arabs are awaiting. For when our position becomes catastrophic as UNRWA ceases to operate, only then will the world realise that the only way out is to repatriate the Arab refugees and restore their plundered rights," it declared.

Mr. Labouisse told the Arab News Agency yesterday that he will shortly make a tour of the capitals of U.N. nations contributing money to UNRWA, in order to press for prompt payment of promised funds.

Sharett Tells Cabinet Of U.N. Chief's Visit

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, reported to the weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday on the visit of Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the U.N., and on other developments in the foreign relations of the State, an official communique announced.

Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, opened the discussion on the new budget, and another Cabinet meeting is to be held on the subject today.

The Cabinet did not discuss the question of the Civil Service wage rises yesterday, it is learned from an authoritative source.

Meanwhile, at a meeting with Mr. Ben-Gurion, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, Minister of Justice and leader of the Progressive Party, notified the Prime Minister officially of the decision taken by the Party's Executive last Wednesday to leave the Government within seven days unless it reverses its stand on wages adopted last week.

The Cabinet then decided to cut the increases in half for this year. The Progressives insist that the Government pay the full salary increases it granted last September.

It is understood that in his meeting with Mr. Rosen, Mr. Ben-Gurion expressed "regret" at the Progressive Party's decision.

The official communique:

The Minister for Foreign Affairs reported to the weekly meeting of the Cabinet on the visit of Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the U.N., and on other developments in the foreign relations of the State.

The Minister of Labour reported on her visit to the U.S.

At a second meeting, in the afternoon, the Minister of Finance spoke on the draft budget for 1956/57. The discussion will be continued at a further meeting.

Progressives Deny Promoting G.Z.

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Progressive Party spokesman tonight denied the report which appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* today, stating that the Party would remain in the Government if the General Zionists would also join it. The report referred to a meeting between Mr. Pinhas Rosen, the Minister of Justice, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, which took place at the Sharon Hotel on Saturday.

Mr. A. Bentov, the Party's Parliamentary Secretary, also denied that Coalition questions were discussed at all, or that Mr. Rosen would be replaced in the Cabinet by another member of the Party. Dr. Goldmann had expressly announced that he would not intervene in coalition questions, he said.

BEIRUT JAILS SPIES

Three persons charged with being members of a group of 25 allegedly spying for Israel, were sentenced to life imprisonment by a Beirut military court yesterday, according to NEABS. Two others received seven years in jail.

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Social & Personal

Lord Russell of Liverpool and Lady Russell left Israel yesterday after a 10-day visit as guests of the Government. Before their departure, Lord and Lady Russell were received by President Ben-Zvi. The guests last week visited the offices of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. They were accompanied by Mr. Hanan Cidor, of the Foreign Ministry. Lord and Lady Russell also visited the site of the new buildings of Yad Vashem at Har Hazikaron.

ARRIVALS: Mr. M. Noy, of the Jewish Agency Executive, from London, where he attended the meeting of the World Jewish Congress; Mr. Zvi Lourie, of the Jewish Agency Executive in the U.S., to attend the meetings of the Executive in Jerusalem; Dr. David Meretz, Head of the Financial Department of the Ministry of Interior, after a mission in Norway and Sweden.

DEPARTURES: Mr. David Horowitz, the Governor of the Bank of Israel, for the U.S., to attend the opening of the Bond Drive leaders convention on Saturday in Miami Beach; Professor C. L. Pekeris, head of the Department of Applied Mathematics at the Weizmann Institute, for Washington, where he will address a conference on theoretical physics; Dr. Haim Shoshkes, the journalist, after a visit in connection with his proposed "Tribes of Israel" Museum; Mr. Louis Hernandez Parker, correspondent of "Ercilla" of Santiago, Chile, after a two-week visit as guest of the Government.

The Diplomatic Corps announces the Second Annual Gala Ball, on behalf of Magen David Adom, Israel's First Aid Society, to be held at the Sharon Hotel, Herzliya, Saturday evening, March 10. Madame Pierre Gilbert, wife of the French Ambassador, is head of the Organizing Committee.

M. Jean Lavi-Loewenson will speak on Paul Eluard tonight at 6, at the Centre de Culture Française, Jerusalem. M. Marcel Laforge, French Consul General in Jerusalem, will preside.

An exhibition of modern jewellery designed by Irene Getry was opened at the Chemerinsky Art Gallery in Tel Aviv yesterday.

MARRIAGE

SCHWIMMER—CORNFELD

The marriage is announced of Mr. Al Schwimmer, General Manager of Bedek Aircraft Overhaul Base, Lydda, and Rinah, daughter of Zion and Sarah Cornfeld.

LOUIS LIPSKY FELLOW COMES FOR RESEARCH

REHOVOT, Sunday. — Dr. Herbert Morawetz, who holds a Louis Lipsky Exchange Fellowship for 1955/56 at the Weizmann Institute, arrived today to begin eight months of research under Professor Aharon Katchalsky, head of the Polymer Research Department at the Institute.

Dr. Morawetz is on the staff of the Chemistry Department of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, N.Y.

MEDICAL SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

The Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School announces the appointment of Dr. J. Asherman, head of the Department of Gynaecolgy and Obstetrics at the Hadassah Municipal Hospital, Tel Aviv, as Guest Professor of Gynaecology.

Dr. E. Rabinovich, of the Hadassah-University Hospital, has been named Clinical Lecturer in Pediatrics. Dr. J. Lachmann has been promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor of Otorhinolaryngology.

DELEGATION TO LEAVE FOR BURMA

A nine-member delegation comprising government officials and industrialists is to leave within the next fortnight for Rangoon to establish economic and industrial ties between Israel and Burma. The head of the mission, which will include a number of Directors-General of Ministries, will be Mr. David Hacohen, M.K., former Minister to Burma.

This follows the visit last year of Prime Minister U Nu when it was announced that both countries sought to cooperate in various fields by means of joint enterprises. Since U Nu's visit, plans have been drawn up. The mission will place these before the Burmese Government and will seek their implementation.

'ROMEK' MAKES CHARGES IN LETTER TO ATTY-GEN.

Reuven ("Romek") Greenberg has requested that two policemen be brought to trial for extracting false testimony against him from a young Jerusalemite. In a letter to the Attorney-General, "Romek" claimed that the young man, after being arrested for robbery, was advised by police officers to "cooperate with the police for his own good." (Itim)

Cinema Pioneer Korda Was Bold Experimenter

Sir Alexander Korda, who died in London last week at the age of 62, was one of the leading figures in the film industry and contributed signally to its development in Europe and in the U.S.

Born at Turkeve, Hungary, in 1893, he was the eldest of three brothers. His father died when he was 14, and he at once assumed the role of breadwinner for the family and became a teacher in order to earn money. His early ambition, however, was to be a newspaper man, and before he reached the age of 20 he became a reporter.

The advent of the animated picture, however, captured his imagination, and he forsook journalism to become a picture maker. His first venture was on a humble scale. Renting a dilapidated building in a Budapest suburb, he bought a camera and, unaided, produced films, the script for which he wrote himself.

Later, in Vienna, his first picture, "The Prince and the Pauper," created a new standard in production and was a conspicuous success. A bold experimenter, with a highly developed artistic sense, he paid particular attention to the improvement of technique, and his patient study of the mechanical processes involved brought its reward.

Quits Hollywood

By that time Hollywood had become the chief centre of the film production in the world and Korda was soon demonstrating his capacity as a director there. But though his services were in constant demand by some of the leading companies, their lack of appreciation of his individual talent quickly reduced him to despair. Finally he decided to leave America, intending never to return. He threw up his job and, with only a few dollars in his pocket, returned to Europe accompanied by his wife, Maria Farkas, whom he had married in 1919, and his young son Peter. As Maria Korda, she starred in his films. He, himself, was converted to Christianity.

With a few friends he formed a company in Paris but almost before it began to function he was offered and accepted a post with the Paramount company to direct European versions of their pictures. This proved to be the turning point of his career, for he was asked to go to London where he made "Service for Ladies," which made him famous. That was in 1931, and within a few weeks he founded London Film Productions, with its distinctive trademark of "Big Ben." In 1935 Korda became associated with United Artists, and was elected to the board.

Among the outstanding films then made under his guidance were "The Private Life of Henry VIII," "The Shape of Things to Come," "The Man Who Could Work Miracles," "The Four Feathers," which created a new standard of excellence in the industry.

In 1942 he was knighted for his services to the film industry. Among his later successes were "The Third Man," "Fallen Idol," "The Wooden Horse," "The Sound Barrier," and "Seven Days to Noon."

Korda always kept pace with every development in the art to which he gave his life, and never lost faith in the capacity of the screen to provide healthy entertainment and as an educational medium. Throughout his long and chequered career he was ever on the look-out for talented actors and actresses.

He married Miss Merle Oberon in 1939 and after that marriage was dissolved married Miss Alexandra Boycun in 1953. *(T.T.)*

Truman and Mrs. F.D.R. Urge Arms for Israel

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — A joint statement issued by the former Democratic President Harry S. Truman, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of his predecessor, urged the U.S. to provide Israel with arms "to protect herself."

It said (as reported briefly in 'After Midnight') the U.S. should offer Israel a treaty guaranteeing her present borders from aggression, and to offer a similar treaty to any Arab State desiring it.

The statement said, "What is at stake is not only the survival of the small state of Israel, for which we have long avowed our firm friendship, but, as the President has reminded us, the peace of the world." Attempts by Russia to upset the "precarious balance of power" in the Middle East had made it essential that the U.S. should provide defensive arms for Israel to protect herself against aggression "made possible, or incited by the introduction of Communist arms."

"Because of Soviet intervention, any treaties of guarantee can no longer be conditioned on the acceptance by both sides of mutual agreement in regard to border changes." Such conditions would only delay the enactment of treaties "essential to maintaining peace in the area," the statement concluded.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

Hesse's Restaurant, Jerusalem, Tel. 4130, serves you lunch and dinner, four courses with meat, from IL-2.400 (incl. taxes) upwards. Hesse's stands for Quality and Service.

★ **Exhibitions:** —

Water colours, drawings, and frescoes by F.M. Weiss. Wire sculptures by Prof. Abba P. Lerner. "Nora Studio." 9 Ben Maimon. 10-1, 3-6.

1) Dutch and Flemish 17th Century Paintings. 2) French 20th Century Paintings. 3) Pochoir Paintings of Maya Art after Manuscripts and Monuments by Felipe Neri Gonzales. 4) Graphic works by Yvonne Heilbronner. Exhibit of Month: Drawing by Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, called Guercino (1591-1666). Bezalel. 9-1, 3-5.

Arts and Crafts: Silver and copper jewellery by "Xila" (Y. Adler). Copper reliefs (drawings by Yossi Stern); Woollen rugs from Sde Boker. Artists House. 10-1, 4-6.

Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Temporary: Finds in Caesarea. 9-11; 3-5.

"Conquest of the Desert," Jerusalem Convention Centre, 10-1, 4-6.

Israel Flora Paintings by Ann Medalie, Rina Gallery, 11 Princess Mary Ave., (Entrance 1 Rehov Yanai), 9.30-1, 4-7.

★ **Tours:** —

Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building, Opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Lectures:** —

Introduction to Modern Art, by Avraham Ronen, Beeri Club, 9 Alharizi, 8.30 p.m.

"Hebrew Literature," Zvi Briskman, 6 p.m., "The Science of Judaism," Dr. N. Braun, 8 p.m., Beit Ha'am.

★ **Play Reading:** —

"The Teahouse of the August Moon," Jerusalem Dramatic Circle, 8.30 p.m., U.S. Information Centre, U.S. Consulate-General, Mamillah Road.

★ **Concert:** —

Violin recital by Wanda Wilkomirska, Edison, 9.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:** —

Carnival Costumes and Masks for Purim (Watercolours), many original creations by Hanna Or, Beit Hahalutsot, 27 King George 10-1, 3-6. Watercolours by Shimshon Holzman; Paintings Arie Alweil; Chinese Prints (Reproductions) lent by UNESCO, 10-1, 4-7, Tel Aviv Museum.

★ **Lecture:** —

"Great American Personalities I Have Interviewed," by A. Rambo, journalist, Z.O.A. House, 8.30

★ **Films:** —

Premiere of four Israel documentary films. Non-members: 250 pruta. Members free. Z.O.A. House, 7.45.

★ **Dancing:** —

Orchestra Music, open 8-11.30 "Hamoadon" Cafe, 186 Rehov Hayarkon. Entrance free.

★ **Theatre:** —

Habimah, "Medea," 8. Cameri: "The Italian Straw Hat," Mograbi, 8. Ohel, "Johnny Belinda," 8.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibition:** —

Opening by Mayor Abba Khoushy, "Maskit," Israel Village Arts & Crafts Ltd., Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Zirairon:** —

Benny Bennet and his Latin American Band — 7.15 and 9.30.

★ **Ballet:** —

Spanish-French Ballet of Jose Torres and his 16-man band. "Rama," 8.30.

AFULA

★ **Theatre:** —

"Der Gazlen"—Yiddish. "Kol Ron," 8.30

REHOVOT

★ **Theatre:** —

Benzion Witler and Shifra Lerer: "My Girl," Beit Ha'am, 8.45

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 349, 33.3 & 43.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 p.m. & 12.00 midnight. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 5.45 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Jonny Mercer (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Works by Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 1 in F-sharp-minor, Symphonic Dances op. 45. 1.45 Light Notes (R). 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Oriental Music (R). 4.30 Be'Oholey Tora. 4.40 "First Broadcast" Meir Singer. 5.00 Children's Hour. 5.15 Youth Programme. 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Concert by the "Kol Yisrael" Orchestra: Hebrew Songs by Edel & Sternberg, Mendelssohn: "Notturno" from "Midsummer Night's Dream"; Weber: Aria from "Der Freischuetz"; Nicolai: Overture "The Merry Wives of Windsor." 7.45 Series of Lectures by Gad Fraenkel. 8.00 "Curtain Up." 8.30 Concert by Zahal Orchestra. 8.52 Talk by M. Landau. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Telling Tunes. 10.00 From the treasures of the Aggadah. 10.15 "Collegium Musicum". Works by Pachelbel, Buxtehude, J. Ch. Bach, Virgil Thomson, Bloch. 11.00 Requests for Light Music. 11.30 Music of Operettas and Films. 12.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 460, 225, 216, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.

French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 5.30 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 5.45 Hebrew Lesson for Ulpanim. 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Persian. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 News. 6.40 Newsreel. 6.50 Sephardi Songs. 7.00 Yiddish Programme.

11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Newsreel. 11.35 Sephardi Songs. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.8, 216, 225 & 228 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests (Hebrew Songs). 7.00 News. 7.10 "Limelight." 7.30 Among the Flags. 8.00 Weekly Symphonic Concert: Barber, Wieniawsky, Wohl. 9.00 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 19.42, 16.98, 25.35 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News, News Talk, Echoes from the World.

Yesterday's Press

French Memorandum Is Welcomed

"Haboker" (General Zionist) writes that France has a legitimate and moral right to voice her opinion on the Middle East situation, and the memorandum she has submitted to London and Washington is the right step in the right direction. It appears that there is an influential factor in French foreign policy which is ready to recognize past errors and rectify them. It seems also, that all of France's efforts to save the Middle East from a Munich settlement have failed, but she should not be dismayed at this setback for she will find here allies not less important and stable than the oil barons and the illusions of Saudi, Iraqi and Egyptian unity together.

"Davar" (Histadrut) breathes a sigh of relief and says that at long last we hear the view of an important power against the policy of appeasing Arabs at the expense of Israel — the hard and fast British policy from the days of Chamberlain to Anthony Eden. American and British leaders cannot ignore France's view. The publication of the memorandum on the eve of the Washington talks lends it great political and moral weight.

"Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi) thinks that France's stand may help Israel obtain arms in order to maintain a balance of power. Since the key to the problem is in the hands of America, which has not yet joined the Baghdad pact, there are prospects that France's stand, revealing a practical appreciation of the situation, will receive earnest consideration. From the point of view of general political interests, Israel finds backing for her opinion that Middle East stability calls for averting any political activity that gives the Arabs advantages which they exploit by continuous extortion. This community of interests between Israel and France should be arduously cultivated by driving home the lesson that appeasing the Arabs is fraught with dire danger for the West.

Israel Not for Sale

The spate of "settlement" plans showered upon us in the past few days, writes "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda), may simply be part of a scheme to introduce confusion and mask the real intentions of the "Middle East settlement" planners. One fact emerges: Israel's request for arms is being rejected while the Arabs continue to receive a steady supply from the East and the West. Holding up arms constitutes pressure on Israel to cede part of the Negev, but if the powers think that Israel is for sale, they are sadly mistaken.

"Here and Now" writes that the Lavon Emergency Plan is different from all the other plans Israel has been blessed with: its purpose is to ensure that if the die is cast and the Arabs launch their attacks, all our forces will be mobilized with the utmost speed and efficiency. In this case, the difference between a good plan and a bad one can be the difference between life and death.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) points out that the Lavon plan contains a "fascist" proviso banning strikes and writes that the physicians' decision to declare a stoppage on February 7 unless the Government retracts its decision on wages will be the first breach in the war panic which the Government has been fostering.

U.S. Visa Requirements Eased for Businessmen

TEL AVIV, Sunday (USIS). — The American Embassy has announced that arrangements have been concluded whereby businessmen and certain other classes of Israel non-immigrant visitors to the U.S. may henceforth receive gratis visas valid for multiple applications for entry into the U.S. for a period of four years.

This liberalization of the visa requirements results from implementation of a directive from President Eisenhower which has as its objective the encouragement of international travel.

Non-immigrant visas are issued by the American Consulate in Haifa for residents of Haifa and the northern districts of Israel, and by the American Embassy in Tel Aviv for residents of the central and southern parts of the country.

Two in E. Germany To Die for Espionage

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — The East German Supreme Court on Friday condemned two men to death for spying and inducing people to leave the country.

They are Max Held, 42, a draughtsman, and Werner Rudert, 38, an electrician.

Eva Halm, a 33-year-old Breslau typist, was sentenced to life hard labour on similar charges, and Joachim Sachse, 27-year-old machine specialist from Karl-Marxstadt was given hard labour for eight years on the charge of inducing people to flee to the West.

Tune in tonight
Kol Yisrael
at 8.50
Dr. M. Landau
Deputy Controller of State Revenue on "Compulsory Loan on Property."

York, Scunthorpe Hold Their Own in Cup Fourth Round

By KEITH BEECHER

English League First Division clubs were supreme in games in the Fourth Round of the Football Association Challenge Cup which were played off on Saturday. At least 13 Premier League teams will take part in the next Round. Top honours here must go to Third Divisioners York City who held mighty Sunderland to a goal-less draw in a thrillfull contest. York, who created soccer history by appearing in the semi-final last year, cannot be given too much of a chance of winning the replay at Roker Park on Wednesday.

Scunthorpe United, another Third Division team, shook Liverpool on their own ground, by drawing 3-3 in a "humdinger," which by all accounts was no fluke result, if anything, favoured the home side, who got their equalizer in the last 30 seconds. Scunthorpe must be given a fair chance of winning at home on Thursday. Another goal-full meeting brought Newcastle United, the Cup-holders, into the next round, but only by a 5-4 margin over Fulham. This game, described by the commentator as "the most supercharged explosively exciting Cup-tie in 30 years reporting" only brought a win to the Tynesiders when Keebles headed in the winner seconds from time.

Newcastle, who have the outstanding record of winning the trophy three times in five years, were three up in 20 minutes and led 3-1 at halftime. Chamberlain, ably backed by Haynes, slammed in two to level matters for the Craven Cottagers, and Hill put the Londoners 4-3 ahead with 10 minutes to go. Keebles equalized for Newcastle with minutes to go by bundling goalkeeper and ball into the net together, and then put paid to a fine Fulham fighting effort some minutes later with the odd one in nine.

10 "Hammas" Win

Across the other side of London meanwhile, West Ham United played out the second half with only 10 fit men but had enough in hand to beat First Divisioners Cardiff City, 2-1, with Trevor Ford contributing the Welsh goal. Tottenham Hotspur also moved onto the last 16 with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Middlesbrough before a 41,000 crowd. Another game in North London saw Arsenal beat an Aston Villa, with seven team changes, with ease, 4-1, after leading 3-0 at the interval. An upset was the defeat of First Division Bolton Wanderers, who were fancied to reach the final, by visiting Sheffield United, 2-1, with Wragg, the "Blades" inside forward, netting both goals in a busy afternoon's work.

Of three definite defeats of Third Division sides, Leyton Orient disappointed their supporters by losing 4-0 at home to Birmingham City; Southend United were understandably too weak to hold their visitors, Manchester City, who won 1-0, while Charlton Athletic had to fight hard to put out Swindon Town, 2-1 at "The Den". Reigning League One champions, Chelsea, did well to draw 1-1 away against Burnley, a notoriously strong home side with a rocklike defence, and may enlarge the London representation, which now stands at four, in the replay scheduled for Wednesday. Six goals were chalked up in the Leicester City-Stoke City meeting, with honours shared, with the home side recovering well from being 2-0 down in 22 minutes and 3-1 behind at halftime. Griffiths got the equaliser, six minutes from time.

The biggest crowd of the day, 59,000, which paid over £8,000 gate money, watched the big game of the card, in which West Bromwich Albion eliminated Portsmouth by a score of 2-0. A great game was decided, after an even contest, by a penalty by Allen in the second half. In an all-Third Division match, the Rovers from Bristol and Doncaster drew 1-1, and meet under floodlights tomorrow. Barnsley were put out of the chase by visiting Blackburn Rovers, 1-0, as were Port Vale, who went down to a smooth-playing Everton, 3-2.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: F.A. CUP — 4th. Round: Arsenal 4, Aston V. 1; Barnsley 0, Blackburn 1; Bolton 1, Shef. U. 2; Bris. R. 1, Donc. R. 1; Burnley 1, Chelsea 1; Charlton 2, Swindon 1; Fulham 4, Newcastle 5; Leic. C. 3, Stoke 3; Leyton 0, O. Birmingham 4; Liverp'l 3, Scunth'pe 3; Port V. 2, Everton 3; Southend 0, Man. C. 1; Tottenham 3, Middlesbrough 1; West. Brom. 2, Portsm'th 0; West Ham 2, Cardiff 1; York C. 0, Sunderland 0. DIV. III (S): Bournem'th 2, Brighton 0; Colch'ster 2, Shrewsb'y 0; Exeter 1, Walsall 1; Gill'gham 1, Crystal P. 1; Millwall 3, Ald'shot 3; Norwich 1, S'hampton 4; Read'g 4, N'hampton 1; Watf'd 0, Q.P.R. 1. DIV. III (N): Accr'gton S. 3, Halifax 2; Barrow 3, Brad. C. 1; Carl'le 3, Oldham 1; Chesterf'ld 3, Crewe A. 0; Darl'gton 2, Wrexham 2; Gatesh'd 3, Mansf'ld 0; Grimsby 1, Work'gton 2; Rochdale 0, Derby 5; S'thport 1, Stockp't 1; Tranmere 2, Hartlep'ls 2. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIV. A: Airdrie 0, Rangers 4; Celtic 1, Hearts 1; East Fife 6, Falkirk 1; Hibs. 7, Motherwell 0; Partick 1, Kilmarnock 1; Qun. o Sth. 2, Aberdeen 2; St. Mirren 3, Clyde 0; Stirling vs. Raith R. ppd. (Rangers now lead this Division from Hearts on goal average, both have 30 points but Rangers have two games in hand). RUGBY: LEAGUE: INT.: France 14 pts., Ireland 8 (at Paris). UNION: CLUB MATCH: Leigh 6 pts. Barrow 16. CRICKET: M.C.C. "A" beat the East Pakistan Sports Federation by an innings and 161 runs with a day to spare, at Chittagong. Scores: M.C.C. "A": 269. E. Pak. S.F.: 103 (Tony Lock, eight for 17) and 55 (Moss, five for 38; Lock three for 0 — match analysis of 11 for 17). AT CHRISTCHURCH (close second day): Canterbury 227 and 55 for 0. West Indies, 357.

At the Cinema

"OBSESSION" (Ron, J'lem) is a film with an extraordinarily poor plot and an extraordinarily fine cast. Michele Morgan, equally excellent as acrobat and actress, and beefy Raf Vallone do their very best to carry along an action which is psychologically and legally of equal abstruseness. They almost succeed and the evening cannot be considered a total loss.

Hackneyed Neo-Verismo

"NOI Cannibali" (Zion, J'lem) is the usual Italian drama of passion and poverty. Silvana Pampanini is more convincing as the burlesque queen at the beginning of the picture than as the deeply serious woman she tries to represent later on. Vincenzo Musolino never changes his expression throughout. Milli Vitale, remembered in Israel for her part in "The Juggler," enters just in time to provide the happy end. Except for the very poor colour it is difficult to find any concrete fault with the film, but we have seen the same type of plot and presentation, better or worse, at least a dozen times.

Th.F.M.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Six Bridges to Cross.
EDEN: Music for Millions.
EDISON: Battle Cry, 4th week.
ORGIL: The Fifth Grade.
ORION: The Firebird.
ORNA: The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing.
RON: Obsession.
STUDIO: "Sensualita."
TEL OR: The Americano.
ZION Hall: "Noi Cannibali."

TEL AVIV

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: To Hell and Back, 5th week.
ARMON DAVID: Footsteps in The Fog, 2nd week.
CHEN: The Dam Busters.
ESTHER: Blackboard Jungle, 4th week.
MOGRABI: Daddy Long Legs, 2nd week.
OPHIR: "Sinfonia d'Amore," 2nd week.
ORION: Helen of Troy.
TAMAR: "Diabolique."
TCHELETH: "Les Amants du Tage," 12 week. Matinee: Lorna Doone.
SHDEROTH: Three Coins in the Fountain.
YARON: Gilda, 3rd week.
ZAMIR: "Rigoletto," 2nd week.

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: The Tall Men
ARMON: Marty.
ATZMON: The Prodigal.
EN DOR: How to Marry a Millionaire.
GAL OR: Drums of Tahiti. Matinee: Under Two Flags.
MAY: A Star is Born.
MORIAH: Little Fugitive.
ORAH: The Woman of Rome, 3rd week.
ORION: Purple Mask.
ORLY: Duel in the Sun.
PEER: Man Who Loved Redheads.

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PAKISTAN. — The Council of the Pakistani Moslem Leag yesterday accepted the resigna tion as President of the form Premier and present Ambassad to Washington, Mr. Mohamm Ali. It elected former Industry Minister Sardar Abdur Nisht to succeed him.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIE

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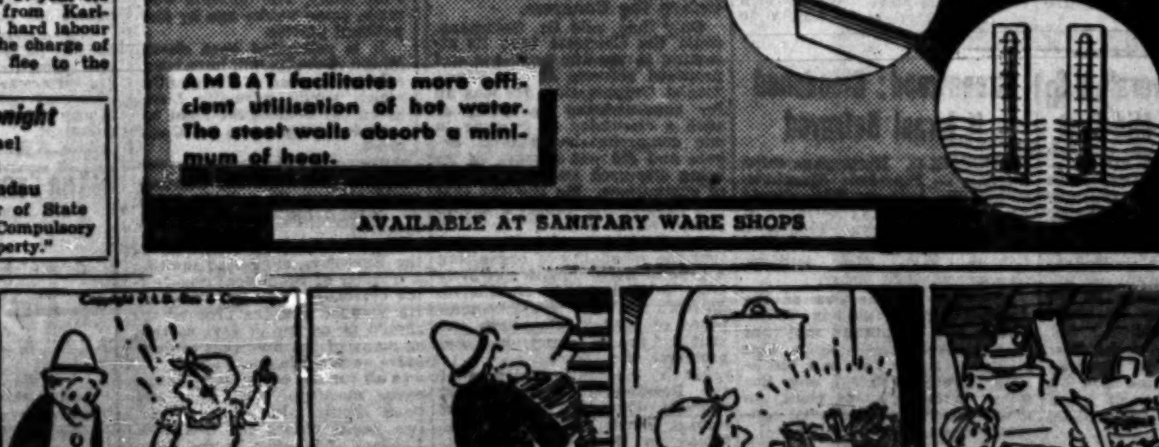

Today's Postbag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Intermittent showers accompanied by thunderstorms.

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Mt. Cana'an	96	5	6	5
Tiberias	58	11	18	17
Haifa Port	58	12	17	18
Natanya	61	11	17	16
Tel Aviv Kirya	49	11	17	16
Tel Aviv Port	60	11	17	18
Lydda Airport	58	11	16	15
Jerusalem	57	6	10	10
Beersheba	33	8	17	16
Eilat	44	9	20	19

(A) Humidity at 2 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum yesterday (D) Maximum temp. expected today

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RAINFALL (in mm.)

	A	B	C
Mt. Cana'an	1.6	523.2	728
Tiberias	0.5	337.3	442
Hefzibah	2.4	377.3	426
Afula	2.9	312.7	508
Acre	7.0	524.6	576
Haifa Port	8.2	502.0	590
Natanya	11.0	577.3	617
Ramatayim	11.4	613.1	—
Tel Aviv Port	6.2	665.9	519
Tel Aviv Kirya	4.5	608.2	522
Lydda	0.4	385.7	486
Rehovot	2.6	689.7	544
Jerusalem	0.5	298.5	509
Dorot	4.4	342.8	334
Sa'ad	10.9	346.1	364
Beersheba	7.0	122.1	200

A) For week of Jan. 15—22.
B) Total for Aug. 1—Jan. 22.
C) Annual average 1921—1950.

THE TU BISHVAT pilgrimage to the "Tamerisk of Abraham" in Beersheba will take place this morning. Chief Rabbi Y. Toledano of Tel Aviv, is expected to participate. The pilgrims will meet at 8 o'clock this morning at the Savoy Hotel, 5 Rehov Geulah, Tel Aviv.

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A CONFISCATION order for 2,774 food parcels sent to this country on behalf of the Trans-global Trading Company of Melbourne and the Carmel Company of Israel, is being contested before the High Court of Justice, which opened hearings on the case yesterday.

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A MEDICAL BAG containing drugs and valuable instruments was stolen from the car of Dr. Siegfried Suesskind, Jerusalem pediatrician, outside his office in King George Avenue yesterday morning.

Histadrut Opens Home For Aged in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — Sixty-six persons, the men 65 and older and the women over sixty, will this week move into the new home for the aged set up by Mishan (the Histadrut's welfare fund) at the former Bodenheimer Sanatorium at Ahuza on Mt. Carmel. The splendid building and the 40 dunam grounds around it were sold for IL350,000.

Mr A. Harzfeld, M.K., said that 30 years ago when most of its members were still young, the Histadrut was not faced with the problem of caring for the aged. Today, 300 applications had been received for the 66 vacancies. Mishan had bought rather than built a house because of the urgency of the problem, he said. A similar home was created by Mishan in Holon five years ago for 52 persons and now has 57 residents. Mishan in thinking of setting up a third home in Jerusalem.

Mayor Khoushy said that he had at first regretted that the sanatorium had been chosen for this purpose, but later he realized that its closure was unavoidable. He suggested that the aged residents be given something useful to do.

The Labour Council Secretary, Mr. Y. Almogi, said that a nation's cultural level could be measured by the way the weak, especially old people, were treated.

Every resident pays IL90 monthly for board and lodging and the needy receive grants from welfare agencies. The IL360 annual deficit per person is covered by Mishan.

Maskit Holds Fashion Show in Capital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Maskit Fashion Show came to the Capital yesterday afternoon and 500 Jerusalemites, headed by the wife of the President, Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi, were impressed by its originality.

Maskit, the Government-sponsored company for developing village handicrafts, was started four years ago under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Dayan. Income from yesterday's show — which was reviewed when first presented in Tel Aviv two months ago — at the King David Hotel, will be shared jointly by Ilanshil, the polio rehabilitation organization, and the Anti-Tuberculosis League. The show was compered by Miss Yael Dayan.

Maskit Fashions have been designed out of the whole cloth that makes up the picture of the "Ingathering of the Exiles." Traditional village handicrafts have been turned into new and often sophisticated clothes that may well go a long way to putting Israel on the fashion map. "Maskit Originals" are all designed by Mrs. Finy Leitersdorf and will be on sale at Klein & Co. in Jerusalem. Accessories and jewellery, designed and produced under the direction of Miss Hanna Lebon, will be sold at Saengers and the Rina Gallery.

Mrs. Malka Locker, wife of the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, won the Maskit rug raffled at the show and presented it to Mrs. Zippora Sharett, Chairman of the Jerusalem Branch of Ilanshil, where it will be used again in the Organisation's activities.

Jerusalem Council Adopts IL1.5m. Emergency Tax for Civil Defence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A proposed IL1.5m. "emergency tax" for civilian defence—to build shelters and to obtain equipment—was passed unanimously by the Jerusalem Municipal Council yesterday evening. The Finance Committee is to be given sole jurisdiction to fix the sum to be collected from residents, ways and means of collecting and when the first payment will become due.

Although not specifically stated in the text of the motion passed from earlier discussions in the Council it seems likely that IL500,000 will be collected directly from residents, while the remainder will be requested from the Ministry of Interior as a 12-year, non-interest-bearing loan.

The motion was a compromise solution reached after an hour's debate in which two proposals were discussed. The coalition (Mapai, Agudat Yisrael and Mizrahi) demanded that IL500,000 be collected from residents beginning with the coming fiscal year (April 1), while the opposition (Progressives and Herut) wanted the tax to take effect from February 1 — two months earlier. The compromise, which was based on a Herut proposal cleared the way for the unanimous vote.

Transfer Approved

Earlier, the coalition voted to transfer part of the authority invested in Mayor Gershon Agron to his three deputies.

Mr. Moshe Porush is to be in charge of the Departments of Social Welfare and Sanitation; Mr. M. Gevirtzman, the Departments of Education and Culture and Mr. M. Ish-Shalom, the Departments of Engineering and Water.

Mayor Agron indicated that the delegation of authority was only a formality, since the coalition, from its inception, had worked harmoniously along these lines.

Mr. A. Axelrod (Herut) attacked the transfer, saying that it was only a stratagem to obtain salaries for the three deputy mayors. Mr. Y. Nenner (Progressive), who also spoke against the move, said that in his opinion, it would prevent the adherence of the Progressives to the coalition.

Haifa Council Starts Debate on Budget

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Town Council tonight began its discussion of the IL17 m. draft budget for the 1956/57 fiscal year. The participants in the debate suggested "improvements" to suit their party's election promises. Mayor Abba Khoushy finally asked the councillors to suggest ways of "how to do it", as well as "what to do".

Explaining the IL3 m. increase over the current budget, Deputy Mayor M. Fliman said that the cost-of-living increases for the city staff, the rises for the "academic" employees, the general price rises, the increase in the number of children in school, and social cases to be aided with higher grants in face of the higher cost-of-living, the need for emergency preparations and the reserve for possible further C-o-L increases, had all raised the demands on the budget. Despite the higher costs, the general expenditures would be reduced, through efficiency and the freezing of staff. The IL3 m. was therefore a minimal rise and the budget was realistic, not inflationary.

Mr. M. Avniel (Herut) complained that the draft already foresaw a IL265,000 deficit, while the hope for greater Government support was "vain," bringing the actual deficit to nearly IL1 m. He called for "just taxation" according to means rather than the size of flats.

Mr. Z. Zimmerman (General Zionist) complained that the budget failed to take into account the citizens who must pay for it. The Municipality should provide an example of austerity instead of only telling residents to tighten their belts.

Mr. Y. Levanon (Hapoel Hamizrahi) called for a bigger grant for the Religious Council.

ARAD TO WASHINGTON FOR EMBASSY POST

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Shimshon Arad, Principal Assistant in the U.S. Division of the Foreign Ministry, is to leave on February 19 for Washington, D.C., to take up his new position as First Secretary at the Israel Embassy. Mr. Moshe Offer, Second Secretary at the Embassy, is returning to Jerusalem to assume Mr. Arad's duties.

Mr. Shamai Cahane, Personal Secretary to Foreign Minister Sharett, is to become Ambassador Abba Eban's personal assistant at the Embassy, and Mr. Zvi Ne'eman of the International Organizations Division is to replace Mr. Cahane.

Mr. Ze'ev Shek remains Mr. Sharett's Political Secretary.

Traffic Lights Installed In Ramat Gan Street

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — If only one life is saved as a result of putting up traffic lights at the Rama crossroads, "the whole job has been worthwhile," Mayor A. Krinitzi said when he pressed the button that set the 18 lights working at 9 o'clock this morning.

Vehicular traffic, which passes this busy spot at the rate of 1,100 vehicles every hour, was held up for only a few minutes by the ceremony.

Bar-Yehuda Raps Tel Aviv Rates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Coalition and opposition clashed in the Municipal Council tonight over the letter from the Minister of Interior approving the increase of taxes and rates, except for water rates, and rejecting the retroactivity of the rises.

The Minister refused to approve the increase of the water rates because "the municipal water-works earns an income above its amortisation costs." The letter also declared that the Minister was not in favour of retroactive taxation—even when legal. It further recommended that refuse tax be included in the general rates and hoped that property tax would be raised in the new fiscal year, as it was the lowest in the country. The Municipality should raise the ceiling of the business tax, and adjust the Arnona more fairly.

Mayor Haim Levanon took exception to the letter and declared that by making "emphatic claims," Mr. Bar-Yehuda was violating the municipality's autonomy and intervening in its internal affairs. The leader of the opposition, Mr. E. Shechter (Mapai), countered that when former Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, had "ordered" the Municipality, Mr. Levanon had welcomed this intervention.

In response to the Minister's comment on the water network, the Mayor stated that profits were spent not only on maintenance, but also to run many of the Municipal departments and even pay the salaries of the Mayor and his deputies. Mr. Shechter alleged that millions of pounds destined for the water network had been wasted.

Raising the ceiling on business and property rates would not yield much money, Mr. Levanon said, because there were not many large property owners in the town. The Arnona, he declared, was levied according to the zones and the state of the buildings.

The tax increases are definitely to the disadvantage of the needy, Mr. Shechter charged. It was only because the Minister of Interior had pointed this out, that the Mayor objected to his recommendations, he said. He claimed that general rates were the highest in the country, while property and business taxes were the lowest.

After the debate, the Council approved a IL[illegible]m. work contract for the second stage of construction of the Frederick K. Mann auditorium, and a IL120,000 loan for building schools.

Malkiman Murder Trail Led to Kisufim

By H. BEN-ADI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Two rifles belonging to Kibbutz Kisufim were confiscated by the police this afternoon. They were in the charge of the Kuku brothers, who are being held as suspects in the Malkiman killing case, and one of them is believed to be the murder weapon. The police also took with them for investigation a pair of muddy shoes, puttees and three exercise books which belong to the younger of the two brothers.

A lead to the successful investigation was given by an Eshed bus inspector, Shimon Rosenberg, who came into police headquarters here on Thursday after reading about the finding of the body. He said that at about 3.30 on Monday afternoon, he had seen two young men beating a third at the junction of the Ashkelon and Tel Aviv roads. He had approached them, and they had told him that the man they were beating was an infiltrator. At that moment a tender arrived, and the driver took all three to the police station in Ashkelon to clear up the question of the identity of the third man.

Speech Impediment

The Ashkelon police determined that the suspected infiltrator was a new immigrant who was unable to speak Hebrew, and who had a bad speech impediment. They released him without making any entry in the station record. It is understood that Malkiman then gave a lift to the other two, one of whom had a rifle and an ammunition belt.

After the body had been discovered, the police found some bread in the cabin of the tender, and took it to all the Ashkelon bakeries until the identity of the baker was disclosed, and from there they traced the "suspected infiltrator." As he was afraid to talk to the police, a few of them, wearing plain clothes, went to his home, and sat with his parents while they plied him with questions. Nothing he said was of any value to the investigators except for the fact that he mentioned the word "infiltrator" several times, and this sent them to the Ashkelon police station, where they heard from a sergeant about Monday's incident.

With the help of the Ashkelon police, the Kuku brothers were traced and arrested yesterday. The elder of the two was released today. The younger brother was said to be suffering from a nervous breakdown, following his arrest.

Although he is not yet 16, he had been employed as a watchman and was armed with a rifle.

Lapidot May Issue New Shares

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The question of issuing new shares is to be on the agenda of a full general meeting on February 15 of the Lapidot company, joint operators of the Heletz prospecting licence, Mr. Shalom Ron, the company's secretary, stated today. It is premature to say, however, whether the shares will be offered to the public, he added.

Some IL3m. are being mobilized in the first stage of capitalisation of the new oil company, provisionally named "Naphtha," for initial prospecting and the purchase of drilling equipment, company sources revealed today. The company's registered capital will be IL14m. and half a million dollars.

Awaiting Outcome

"Naphtha" is awaiting the outcome of the next meeting of the Petroleum Board, expected to be convened within a week, for a final decision on the appeals against the Board's decision on the Ashkelon licence — adjacent to Heletz. After this decision is confirmed and the licence granted by the Petroleum Commissioner, Naphtha expects to apply for other licences as well.

(The Minister of Commerce, Mr. P. Sapir, who was the initial promoter of the new company, stated in an interview with "Davar" yesterday that the Board would also award licences for other areas to the Canadian group headed by Mr. Sam Zacks —Yellowknife Bear Mines Company—which had applied unsuccessfully for the Ashkelon licence.)

Naphtha, which is made up of three groups of investors, Mekorot-Ampal, Histadrut enterprises, and private industrialists and bankers, has a three-man management committee representing the three groups, as follows: Messrs. Yehiel Duvdevani, Hillel Dan, and Gershon Gurvitz, but it is not yet known whether they themselves will take an active part in the running of the company's affairs, or will delegate their office to their representatives. Two co-managers have been appointed, Mr. Yeshurun Schiff and Mr. S. Sirkin.

The Pontiac company is drilling some four kilometres from Heletz, and has reached the depth of the Heletz well, about 4,000 feet. A drill-stem test taken yesterday failed to register any signs of gas or petroleum, but found salt water.

Drilling is to be continued, and it is hoped that signs of oil may be located in the near future.

A test is also to be made in the hole at the Great Machtesh where drilling was stopped some time ago after it had been considered that the "basement" had been reached. It is thought possible that an oil sand formation somewhere midway may have been passed over unlocated.

579 Immigrants Come in 'Artsa'

HAIFA, Sunday. — A total of 579 immigrants, all from Morocco, arrived in the s.s. Artsa today. The majority was sent to development areas and agricultural villages, while 47 joined *kibbutzim* and 29 went to relatives.

80TH BIRTHDAY OF BEN-ZION KATZ

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The 80th birthday of Mr. Ben-Zion Katz, the oldest editor in Hebrew journalism, was marked by a meeting of journalists at their association offices today. As Mr. Katz reminded those present, it was also the anniversary of the Hebrew Journal "HaZman," which made its first appearance in St. Petersburg (Leningrad) 50 years ago.

It was announced that two books written by the guest of honour would shortly be published. One is on the Vilna Gaon, and the other deals with the History of the Jews during the last years of the Czars.

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Violent Thunderstorms And Howling Gales Strike Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A violent thunderstorm at 6 o'clock this evening overshadowed the howling gale which had reigned during most of the day and sent pedestrians diving headlong into doorways for shelter. This precaution did not help them much, because the wind drove the rain into what are normally protected spots, and they were soaked.

The Meteorological Station at Lydda Airport reported that the present wet and windy spell will continue for at least another 24 hours "and then we will see".

Drivers, forgetting that they once had had to walk, insisted on the right of way, even though they had better shelter than drenched people hurrying home from their work. The drivers impatiently vied with each other to test whose horn sounded loudest.

Today's rain did not find Tel Avivians unprepared as was the case on Friday noon, but the optimists flouted the weather forecasters by walking about in nothing heavier than lumber-jackets. As if to encourage them in their optimism, the sun came out at times and made people wonder if winter had not come to an end after all.

But the sunny intervals were few and short, and flying tiles and broken window panes gave evidence of winter's supremacy. The tops of some of the tallest trees came closer to the ground than they have been since their youth, and twigs were snapped off in their hundreds by the gale which at times reached a force of more than 80 kilometres an hour.

In spite of the fury of the weather, no serious damage or casualties were reported, and the fire brigade was called out only twice to deal with minor incidents.

Sandstorms have raged in cold Beersheba during the past two days, but by this evening the wind had let up a little and allowed light rain to fall. The rain spread as far as Dimona and grew heavier as night approached. In the northern Negev, rain began falling just after midday.

Stormy weather was the order of the day in Haifa, with heavy downpours joining the gale in the afternoon. At Nesher, an electric wire fell on a telephone booth, giving a shock to all who tried putting a coin in the slot.

In Western Galilee, the roads were flooded at several points.

Our Safad correspondent reports that 24 millimetres of rain fell during the past 24 hours and there were violent winds of up to 65 kilometres-per-hour velocity.

Heavy rainstorms fell in Jerusalem tonight.

Snow fell in the Ramallah area with temperatures dropping to three degrees above zero, the Old City daily, "El Jihad," reported yesterday. Nablus was inundated in the most severe rainstorm in many years, the paper added.

The United Press reports from Alexandria that four persons were killed yesterday in a rainstorm that converted streets into canals and forced closure of the harbour and airport to international sea and air navigation.

Cold winds drove heavy showers on the city and toppled one old, small apartment house. The house crashed to the ground, killing a family of three and the newborn child of another family. A fire brigade rescued other tenants from the rubble.

Histadrut Puts Off Convention 2 Weeks

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Histadrut convention which was to have been held in the Habimah Theatre on February 7 has been postponed for two weeks. The decision was made by the Histadrut Central Committee today in answer to a joint request from Mapai, Ahdut Ha'avoda, Mapam and Haoved Hazioni (Progressives).

A proposal that an appeal by Mapam against the Executive's decision on the 1956 wage policy be placed on the agenda of the convention, was made by Mr. B. Linn, but was rejected by the rest of the Committee. It was stated that the Histadrut constitution vested authority in the Executive to decide questions of wages.

The development of Israel labour and its social and economic institutions in the years 1953-1955 is summed up in the 848 pages of the two-volume report which the Histadrut Executive published today.

The report is very thorough and an "encyclopaedia" of all activities linked with the Histadrut. The responsibility of the Histadrut for immigration and employment also made it responsible for balanced economic development of this country, the report says. The policy of the trade unions was said to be shaped accordingly.

300 Textile Workers Lose Jobs

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Three hundred of the 3,000 workers employed by the cotton and silk-weaving industries have been dismissed during the past fortnight, the Manufacturers Association spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* today. Large factories, such as Meshi Saks, American Rayon and Delfiner ltd., were among the firms affected.

The large stocks piled up in the store-rooms of these factories during the current slump on the textile market and the impending wage increases are said to have brought the industries to this state of affairs.

Half of the 1,000 workers employed by the carded wool industry will be dismissed, the "wool centre" of the Manufacturers Association has announced. This follows the decision of the Jewish Agency to order abroad the 150,000 woollen blankets needed this year, they claim.

Bank Clerk Gets Jail Term

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — Shaul Segal, the young bank clerk who helped himself to IL55,000 at the Halva'a Vehisahon bank a few months ago, today received a two-year term on each of the 17 counts to which he pleaded guilty, all sentences to run concurrently. District Court Judge Y. Kahan tried him for making false entries in the bank's books and for theft. So cleverly did Segal screen his embezzlement that the auditors had a hard time grasping it all until Segal showed them how he did it.

Assistant District Attorney Y. Goldberg related that Segal had been engaged as a messenger and had progressed to a responsible job. When his thefts came to light, Segal refunded IL15,000 and turned over a shoe shop he had bought worth IL18,000. Little of the balance was repaid.

Judge Kahan criticised the absence of adequate auditing at the bank.

Police Still Seek Missing Child

A tireless, heart-breaking search for a three-year-old child, lost since Friday morning when he left his house to play in the yard, is being continued by scores of policemen and volunteers in the vicinity of Moshav Tzelafon in the Hartuv region.

Little hope is left that the child, Shlomo Tanami, will be found alive after having been three days without food, exposed to bitter winds and cold rain. The police believe that he might have fallen into a pool and drowned.

The search parties have fallen waist-deep into mud during their hunt.

Fined IL1,000 For Smuggling Attempt

HAIFA, Sunday. — The attempt to smuggle nearly IL50,000 worth of goods into the country earlier this month and to cheat the Treasury of IL35,000 in customs duties and IL54,000 in purchase tax, brought Captain Nathan Meislich, 40, of Tel Aviv, a IL1,000 fine, with the alternative of six months in prison, and a suspended one-year sentence. District Court Judge Zohar was on the Bench.

Meislich declared six cases as personal effect for diplomatic personnel, and their value at $770. He pleaded guilty and expressed regret at having done wrong. He had been unemployed and had been used by a gang of unscrupulous smugglers, he said.

KASTNER, GREENWALD HEARING POSTPONED

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The preliminary hearing of the case of Dr. Israel Kastner against Mr. Malkiel Greenwald for defamation of character has been postponed from next Thursday until February 21, because Mr. Shmuel Tamir, Mr. Greenwald's advocate, is unable to return from abroad in time. *(Itim)*

Truman Versus Foreign Office And State Department

Searching for "a solution that would accord justice to the needs and the wants of the Jewish people, who had so long been persecuted." President Truman pursued his Palestine policy in defiance of Defence and State Department advice and in the teeth of British Foreign Office reaction that was "not encouraging." He "did not want the U.S. to become a party to any dilatory tactics."

In Wednesday's instalment of his memoirs, Mr. Truman opens a series of three articles on Palestine with an account of the British "desire to avoid any immediate decision" and his own insistence on "speedy results" from the Anglo-American Commission of Enquiry.

Austrian Skier Breaks Record

CORTINA, Sunday (UP). — Twenty-year-old ski prodigy Toni Sailer sparked the Austrian "Wunder Mannschaft" (wonder team) to a precedent-creating victory here today in the men's Olympic giant slalom. His time of 3:00.1 knocked 6.2 seconds off the previous best time, and he preceded two other Austrians, to give that country the first three places. Another Austrian was fifth. Helmut Kuhnert of East Germany set a new Olympic record of 6:04.2 in the first two-man heat of the 5,000-metre race.

The U.S. virtually made certain of qualifying for the final pool in the Olympic ice hockey tournament when they beat Poland 4-0 in pool "B." In earlier results, Olympic and world champions Canada beat Austria 23-0 and Germany, 4-0; Russia made hard work of beating Sweden, 5-1; Czechoslovakia defeated the U.S., 4-3; Canada beat Italy, 3-1, and Sweden beat Switzerland, 6-5.

Unofficial National standings, with seven of 24 events completed, (points are on basis of 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for first through sixth places respectively) now are:— 1. Russia 38; 2. Austria 29; 3. Italy 15; 4. Finland 15; 5. Sweden 14; 6. Germany 10; 7. U.S. 6; 8. Switzerland 6; 9. Holland 5; 10. France 5; 11. Norway 5; 12. Spain 3; 13. Canada 1.

Americans today took a decisive lead in compulsory figure skating, making it a near-certainty that the U.S. will walk away with all three Olympic medals in Wednesday's free-skating finals. Hayes Alan Jenkins, the world champion, totted up the highest aggregate for five tricky figures—852.2 points. Meanwhile, Russia won her second straight Olympic speed skating victory when long-legged Boris Shilkov hung up a new Olympic mark for the 5,000-metres event to defeat stiff Scandinavian competition.

Shilkov, a 28-year-old engineer in Leningrad's huge Kirov Works, timed 7:48.7 — three and one-tenth seconds outside his own world mark, but a full 21.9 seconds better than the Olympic record of Norway's great Hjalmar "Hjallis" Andersen. The Olympic mark of 8:10.6 was broken by more than a dozen other racers who skated out on a record-smashing scree that paralleled performances in yesterday's 500 m. race. The silver medal went to Sweden's world title holder Sigvard "the Skater" Ericsson, who clocked 7:56.7. Another Russian, Oleg Goncharenko, took the bronze medal with a time of 7:57.5.

The Russians also took first and third places in the 5,000m., not quite so brilliant a performance as their 1-2-4 victory in the 500 or today's precedent-shattering 1-2-3 sweep of the giant slalom by the Austrians. They also reached out for a medal in the "Nordic Combined" ski event where their newcomer, Yuriy Moschkin, surprisingly outjumped the Scandinavian favourites in the first event of the two-day competition.

Enthusiastic Nigerians Greet Queen Elizabeth

LAGOS, Nigeria, Sunday. — Police had to use batons and their fists to quell part of an hysterically excited crowd which broke down a barrier outside Lagos Cathedral today when Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a remembrance service there.

During the service thousands of Africans struggled to keep positions behind the barriers. About a score of fainting women and children were hoisted over the heads of the crowd to receive first aid in nearby ambulances. The Queen and her husband last night attended a state dinner at Government House.

EMIGRATION TO CANADA FOR 24 JORDANIANS

Four Palestinian Arab refugee families, comprising 24 persons, have been approved by the Canadian Commission now in Jordan, as suitable for emigration to Canada, the Old City daily "Falastin" reported yesterday.

BUSES. — Peking Radio reported yesterday that buses in the Chinese capital have special seats reserved for expectant mothers.

Cables in Brief

RETURN. — About 250 Germans arrived yesterday in Luebeck, West Germany, from Polish-administered Silesia. It was the fourth group to return to West Germany from this former German territory.

PROSTITUTES. — Tokyo's prostitutes have organised their own labour union known as the Federation of Metropolitan Women Employees Association. Their membership numbers 4,300 women but they hope to enrol all of the capital's 80,000 prostitutes.

MUSSOLINI. — Another Mussolini had the crowd roaring approval but it was his music that excited the people. Romano Mussolini, youngest son of the late Benito Mussolini, playing the piano under the name of Roman Full, made his public debut at the international jazz festival in San Remo on Saturday night.

INDO-SOVIET. — A football coach, a specialised athletic coach and a team of men and women gymnasts will arrive in India from Moscow soon on a two-month tour at the invitation of the Indian Government.

LEGATIONS. — The Egyptian and Rumanian Governments have decided to raise their present diplomatic representations to the rank of legations, Bucharest Radio announced yesterday.

H. L. Mencken Dead at 75

BALTIMORE, Sunday (Reuter). — Henry L. Mencken, famous American man of letters and critic, died in his sleep early today. He was 75.

Known as "The Sage of Baltimore," Mencken dominated American literature between the world wars. He was frequently called the American George Bernard Shaw. For the past seven years he had been unable to read or write because of paralysis resulting from a stroke.

Famous as founder and editor of the "American Mercury," Mencken was America's most caustic critic. He published many books — including many of his shorter works — under the title "Prejudices," and a scholarly work, "The American Language," which illustrated one of his pet theories that America had a language separate from English.

Just last week, he announced that he had a new volume of essays, ready for publication. They were collected from previously written but unpublished works.

A life-long resident of Baltimore, Mencken loved nothing better than to throw biting jibes at his fellow-Americans and their customs and habits. He once referred to them as "Boobus Americanus."

NARRIMAN SUES FOR DIVORCE IN BEIRUT

Ex-Queen Narriman of Egypt has instituted divorce proceedings against her second husband, Dr. Adham Nakib, at the Sharia Court of Beirut, NEABS reported.

She is demanding monthly alimony from Nakib, in addition to a large sum as "compensation." The ex-Queen claims that her financial situation has deteriorated and that she is now under constant medical treatment.

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Jack Schrier, London.
January, 1956.

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ARAB SOCIALISM

MANY observers of the Middle Eastern scene long ago reached the conclusion that the failure to achieve peace between Israel and the Arab states has much to do with the almost total absence of liberal, democratic, socialist forces in the Arab world. Mr. Clovis Maksoud, a leader of the Socialist Party of Lebanon (and at present an Oxford don) presents an original but not convincing explanation in a contribution to the January, 1956, issue of "Socialist Commentary," a monthly organ of the British Labour party.

According to him, European Socialists are mistaken in supporting Israel socialism and believing the Arab Socialists to be fanatical nationalists in disguise. Nationalism fulfils a progressive role in Asia and Africa, he says, and the socialist role is not to negate it but to conform to its requirements. "To abandon the nationalist struggle at a period when imperialism still threatens, in order to provide a hasty resemblance to western socialism is to frustrate the socialist mission in the Arab and Asian world. Where Asian socialists have a premature ideological conformity in order to escape from western socialist disapprobation, they have found themselves abandoning their revolutionary tasks. They have alienated the masses; as has happened to the socialist parties of Indonesia and Malaya. One of our primary tasks has been, and still is, to sever the world connections both of Arab reactionaries and of the Arab Communists, so that the people can make their choice in freedom... Israel prevents true self-determination for the Arabs. As long as Zionists insist on their self-centred nationalism, Western socialist support to Israel will impede the true democratic and socialist development of the whole area."

What Mr. Maksoud wants to say is that there is no room for democratic socialism ("hasty resemblance to Western socialism") in the Arab world. For, so he argues, they cannot give up their old slogans even after having attained independence and realized all national demands. Were they to do so, they would fall behind in the competition with their Communist and Fascist rivals in the national movement; "they would alienate the masses." They have to do so not because "Imperialism still threatens," but for the simple reason that they have become the prisoners of their own demagogy.

Nationalism may or may not perform a progressive function, but it is preposterous to argue that a nationalist movement dominated by Communists and Fascists (or by "Socialists" who have to adapt themselves to their stronger allies) is "progressive." Those who argue on such lines have to justify in retrospect, for instance, Hitler's conquest of the Sudeten or Danzig. Were these not "just national aspirations" of the German people, as the Nazis argued?

So much on a theoretical level for Mr. Maksoud's arguments. But in effect, his whole thesis is based on a fallacy, namely, that there is an Arab Socialist movement, with a "Socialist mission." Unfortunately, nothing of this sort exists at present. There are, of course, Communists, appearing under various disguises, who want, quite understandably, to carry out their political programme which has however little if anything in common with either socialism or democracy. There are Fascist "Socialists," such as for instance the majority of the Cairo junta, who wish to establish a corporate state according to a well-known pattern. There are many instances of collaboration between these two camps of "socialism," but where is the beginning of a *bona fide* democratic socialist movement?

Of all the soi-disant socialist parties in the Arab countries, the only one which has a remote resemblance to Western (and indeed any) notions of socialism and democracy is Mr. Maksoud's own party, the Lebanese Socialists. And how was the programme of this party defined by its leader, Kamil Jumblat? "We want to assimilate the best of all other great movements: Fascism, Communism and Western Democracy." There is unfortunately not much room for optimism if this is the nearest we can get to socialism in the Arab world.

ZIONISTS IN WASHINGTON

By JESSE ZEL LURIE

WASHINGTON. — "IT'S good for us to get hysterical together at a time like this." This comment by a delegate from one of the women's organizations expresses one concrete result — and possibly the most important one — of the conference of 17 national Jewish organizations in Washington.

The delegates, who are the leaders of organizations with several million members—over 90 per cent of organized American Jewry, went home convinced that Israel is in mortal danger and that they must awaken their members from the lethargy that has crept over them as a result of eight years of "cry wolf" by Israel fund-raisers.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, organiser of the "President's Club" that convened the conference, set the stage at the opening session with an impassioned address of one hour and twenty-seven minutes. Too long by any standard, yet the gravity of his words kept the audience immobile:

"There is no probability that either the U.S., Britain or France will soon send arms to Israel. We must not confound consideration of Israel's request for arms with the meeting of this request... To cite such action (the Syrian attack) as an excuse for further delay of Israel's request for arms and a security guarantee, is to season diplomacy with moral hypocrisy and to court peril... There can be no graver error than conveying (to the Arabs) the impression, however false, that the U.S. will permit the Arabs to destroy the State of Israel."

Eban Tired

Then came Ambassador Abba Eban, overburdened with worry and fatigue. He had been up all night preparing an address for the Security Council, which he had delivered that morning. Then he had flown to Washington from New York. Despite his tiredness he impressed the delegates with a reasoned, detailed exposition of the military situation in the Middle East since Egypt began receiving Czech arms. He said that unless Israel received aircraft to match the MIGs and Ilyushin bombers now in Egypt, an explosion this summer was almost inevitable.

On Saturday night in New York at a UJA dinner honouring Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Mr. Eban repeated these remarks. The "New York Herald-Tribune" reporter, who had not been in Washington, recognized their significance and wrote a front-page story quoting Eban as saying that war was almost inevitable this summer unless.... The unless doesn't make the headlines, and what this front-page story did to Israel's tourist potential can be well imagined.

George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and African Affairs, was on the platform listening to Dr. Goldmann and Mr. Eban. Several State Department officials were in the audience taking copious notes.

Mr. Allen's 30-second speech was received with good humour by the delegates. At the first "President's Club" conference 11 months ago, he had talked generalities for five or ten minutes and told his favourite story about an Indian village. This time he brought greetings from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and himself and then added:

"Dr. Goldmann told me that if I did not have an important statement to make, I should not make a speech. I do not have an important statement to make." And with that he sat down. The delegates, who had no real hope of a State Department policy statement at this time, liked Mr. Allen's no-speech far better than his remarks 11 months ago.

At the reception and dinner the next day, there were close to 100 senators and congressmen meeting their constituents. Senator Walter George, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, had declined an invitation to come, but that morning several influential constituents visited him and at 11:55 a.m., his secretary called the conference office to say that the Senator would come to the reception.

During the day speeches were made by the presidents of the various organizations represented and an address was read for Msgr. Louis B. Khalil, pastor of the Maronite Church of Brockton, Mass., a suburb of Boston. Dr. Israel Goldstein brought some fresh light on the problem of the Arab boycott as it effects American businessmen.

I said at the beginning that it was good sometimes to be hysterical. Lest anyone get the wrong impression, let me say that this was not a conference crying *gevalt*. No one accused the State Department of betrayal of Israel. Despite his strong words, Dr. Goldmann admitted that "the intent of American policy is sound and right" but the intentions are not being carried out. The intent of this conference was to convince the State Department through the elected representatives of the American people that it must take immediate forceful action to combat the Arab-Soviet axis before the situation gets beyond repair.

While the conference was going on, Secretary Dulles committed a minor but unfriendly act, of which, fortunately, not a single newspaper took any notice. He received for 45 minutes a delegation of the American Council for Judaism, the "graceless minority" as Dr. Goldmann called them. The Council had written to Mr. Dulles asking to see him on either January 17 or 18 while the conference was in session. Mr. Dulles, who certainly does not see every organization that wants to tell him its views, and most certainly not on the first day it asks for the appointment, acceded to the Council's request. Upon emerging from Mr. Dulles' Chambers the Council gave reporters a lengthy statement tying their visit up with their opposition to the conference, but no paper that I saw made mention of it.

There were seven members on the Council delegation and they talked for 45 minutes. According to a State Department official, who was present, Mr. Dulles didn't say a thing except to thank them for their views.

Phoenicia Employee Works Beaten Metal

THE Cultural Committee of the Phoenicia Glass Factory is to be congratulated on not only feeding its charges with knowledge but also inducing them to be creative. The latest show by an employee at the factory exhibits the beaten metal work of S. Har-Shalom (Friedenberg).

Har-Shalom took up this spare-time hobby about three years ago. Understandably, he requires further systematic study. His Jewish subjects (e.g. "Jews Dancing") are admittedly influenced by Merzer and probably he is more affected by "literary" elements than he realizes. Sometimes plasticity suffers through inexact placing of limbs, an error which spoils the otherwise competent line of "Woman with Book."

Har-Shalom's compositional ability is proved by his backgrounds. In one of his best pieces, "Worker with Trolley," the man's figure sets off the disappearing vista of the factory interior. In "Blind Man Searching," you will note the relationship of the body to the wall and in "Motherhood," the significance of two juxtaposed lines behind the rounded masses. His handling of groups is well demonstrated in "At the Well" and "Arab Market in Acre." I liked the integrity of "Accordion Player."

This artist deserves encouragement.

H.

From the Truman Memoirs: Years of Trial and Hope

THE MARSHALL PLAN

IN the first two years that followed V-J Day, the United States provided more than $15,000m. in loans and grants for the relief of the victims of the war. We did everything humanly possible to prevent starvation, disease and suffering. We provided substantial aid to help restore transportation and communications, and we helped rebuild wrecked economic systems in one major country after another.

By 1947, however, after two years of substantial, though piecemeal, emergency assistance, it was apparent that an even larger and more comprehensive programme was needed to achieve the rebuilding of the economy of Europe. Speed was essential, because the West now faced the increasing pressure of Communist imperialism.

Marshall's report confirmed my conviction that there was no time to lose in finding a method for the revival of Europe. General Marshall is one of the most astute and profound men I have ever known.

As Secretary of State, Marshall had to listen to more staff talk than when he was Chief of Staff. He would listen for a long time without comment, but when the debates between members of his staff seemed destined to go on interminably and he could stand it no longer, he would say, "Gentlemen, don't fight the problem; decide it." Dean Acheson told me a characteristic story about Marshall when he first took over as Secretary of State. Marshall had asked Dean Acheson to stay on as Under Secretary and said, "I want the most complete and blunt truths from you, particularly about myself." Dean Acheson replied, "Do you, General?" "Yes," Marshall said, "I have no feelings except a few which I reserve for Mrs. Marshall."

What Marshall perceived in the plans which his State Department staff laid before him was the importance of the economic unity of Europe. If the nations of Europe could be induced to develop their own solution of Europe's economic problems viewed as a whole and tackled cooperatively, rather than as separate national problems, U.S. aid would be more effective and the strength of a recovered Europe would be better sustained.

Harvard Speech

This was precisely the approach I had in mind. Marshall and I were in perfect agreement. The proposal was made at Harvard by Secretary Marshall. On June 5, 1947, the Secretary of State outlined to a commencement audience a course of action for the U.S. in dealing with the European crisis.

This was a speech that was typical of the man. It was matter-of-fact and without oratorical flourishes, compact and to the point, and the Secretary began it with a brief review of the economic condition of Europe.

Then came the key section of the plan:

"It is already evident that, before the U.S. Government can proceed much further in its efforts to alleviate the situation and help start the European world on its way to recovery, there must be some agreement among the countries of Europe as to the requirements of the situation and the part those countries themselves will take in order to give proper effect to whatever action might be undertaken by the government.

"It would be neither fitting nor efficacious for this Government to undertake to draw up unilaterally a programme designed to place Europe on its feet economically. This is the business of the Europeans. The initiative, I think, must come from Europe.

"The role of this country should consist of friendly aid in the drafting of a European programme and of later support of such a programme so far as it may be practical for us to do so."

This was our proposal, that the countries of Europe agree on a cooperative plan in order to utilize the full productive resources of the Continent, supported by whatever material assistance we could render to make the plan successful.

I had referred to the idea as the "Marshall Plan" when it was discussed in staff meetings, because I wanted Gen. Marshall to get full credit for his brilliant contributions to the measure which he helped formulate. And it was Marshall who had envisioned the full scope of this approach.

The response to Marshall's speech was immediate, electrifying the free world. Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Secretary, assuming the lead and quickly followed by French Foreign Minister, Georges Bidault, informed Secretary Marshall that they were ready to take the kind of initiative which he had suggested.

Invitations went out from London and Paris to every European nation except Spain for a conference to attempt to draw up a comprehensive recovery programme.

Russia's reaction was also immediate. For a short while it appeared as if Marshall's proposal might not only result in economic reconstruction but also in a lifting of the Iron Curtain. A little surprisingly, Mr. Molotov agreed to come to a preliminary meeting at which Bevin and Bidault proposed to lay out the agenda and procedure for the plenary meeting of the conference.

Exploits for Propaganda

However, Ambassador Bedell Smith correctly advised us from Moscow that Molotov had no intention of taking part in any constructive undertaking. What he was trying to do was to exploit the situation for Russia's own propaganda purposes.

Indeed, both Poland and Czechoslovakia accepted invitations to the conference and were evidently eager to participate. In a dramatic move, however, the Kremlin ordered them to withdraw their acceptances.

Sixteen nations were represented in Paris for the opening of this conference on July 12, 1947: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom. And although Western Germany was not formally represented, its requirements as well as its ability to contribute to any general plan were considered by the conference.

The report of this conference was transmitted to Secretary Marshall on September 22. A special session of Congress was called to meet on November 17.

When the special session of the Congress convened, I stressed that stop-gap aid could be no substitute for a comprehensive long-range plan but that we needed to extend this immediate aid if we did not wish to see the very basis of our programme destroyed before it could be put in operation.

On December 19, 1947, I sent a message to Congress setting forth the part the United States should play in a comprehensive plan for the recovery of Europe.

Four Years

This whole thing was to be done, I advised the Congress, in the expectation that European recovery could be substantially completed in about four years. The total cost, over the four years, had been calculated at $17,000m. I asked the Congress to authorize the appropriation of this amount and to provide $6,800m. of this amount by April 1, 1948, to cover the initial — and most critical — period of 15 months, to June 30, 1949.

Congress acted on my request as quickly as it was possible for it to act. The lawmakers did not accept the full amount proposed. Three and one half months later, on April 2, 1948, I signed the European Recovery Act passed by Congress.

The job of economic rehabilitation was successfully accomplished at far less cost than had been anticipated. I had told the Congressional leaders that $17,000m. of dollars over a four-year period would do the job of economic rehabilitation successfully. $13,000m. did it.

The Marshall plan will go down in history as one of America's greatest contributions to the peace of the world. I think the world now realizes that without the Marshall Plan it would have been difficult for western Europe to remain free from the tyranny of Communism.

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Readers' Letters

GREETINGS FROM COVENTRY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am delighted to have the opportunity of writing to your country. First of all I send my greetings to the children of Jerusalem, from the children of Coventry. We are studying the history of writing and we have already learned about the early writings of the Egyptians and the Babylonians. I am very interested in your country and I should like you to send me one of your papers so that I could see what your writing is like at the present day.

Yours, etc.

RITA NEWTON (11 years old)
Holy Family Primary School,
Penny Park Lane, Coventry,
England.

Hebrew newspapers have been sent to the writer. — ED.

MOSAIC LAW

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The draft of the new Pakistan Constitution, according to Anthony Neville's article in your issue of January 16, contains a stipulation that no law should be repugnant to the injunctions of Islam and it also provides that the President should within one year appoint a commission to codify Koranic teaching for the guidance of legislators and recommend how to give effect to them.

I hope that this paragraph will be read by our legislators and Knesset members. Unfortunately, in the Israel Parliament, we have to struggle hard for the partial recognition of Mosaic Law, which has been our precious inheritance and life-preserver for more than 3,000 years. Mosaic Law prohibitions such as pig breeding, Sabbath desecrations and other abominations are condoned and even fought for in the Knesset.

We already possess a codified Jewish law, if only our legislators were guided by it. Whereas the Pakistanis wish to guard their Islamic law, we introduce the laws of strangers and copy their ways and manners, relegating Mosaic Law to the background. We would have less enemies and more friends if we were guided by Jewish law.

Yours, etc.,

M. LEVENE

Herzliya, January 16.

SAFETY RULES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — While I believe that the advertisements campaigning against road accidents have in some measure bettered the traffic behaviour of drivers and pedestrians alike, it seems to me that the underlying cause of some of the worst traffic offences has not been investigated.

I refer to the practice of drivers of buses and *sherut* taxis accepting fare and giving change while their vehicles are in motion and at which time all their faculties and reflexes are not concentrated, as they should be, on guiding their machine of destruction safely through traffic.

Yours, etc.

GERTRUDE GENSER

Haifa.

Council Replies

This is indeed a grave problem in Israel, and something will have to be done soon to eradicate this evil. The traffic law says that drivers must at all times keep their hands on the steering wheel, and must keep a clear lookout. It is of course up to the police to enforce the law by booking drivers. A passenger who sees a driver diverting his attention from driving in order to take fares, should immediately request the driver to stop his vehicle before taking money and giving change. If the driver refuses to do so, passengers should take down the number of the vehicle and name of driver and bring a charge.

It is the duty of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents to educate drivers in traffic safety. The Council will make the widespread abuse which is the subject of this letter one of the principal themes for an early education campaign among bus and taxi drivers.

Yours, etc.

NAT'L COUNCIL FOR PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

Tel Aviv, January 16.

PRICE INCREASE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — While the Minister of Finance and his advisers are engaged in a drive to curb inflation, by appealing to the public to forgo wage increases, and are trying to prevent rises in prices in the private sector of the economy, it is surprising to learn that the Post Office, a Government Agency, has been authorized to raise the tariff by up to 33 and one third per cent. Although this move may not affect the budget of the average wage earner materially, psychologically it is proof that the Government appears not to take its own anti-inflation drive seriously.

Yours, etc.,

H. J. LION

Tel Aviv, January 6.

s.s. KEDMAH NOT FIRST

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Under the heading "Kedmah arrives from Germany" in your January 2 issue, you mentioned that this unit bore the name of the Israel Merchant Fleet's first vessel.

Permit us to correct you on this score, as such vessels as the s.s. Aliisa I, Aliisa II, s.s. Amal, m.s. Atid, s.s. Amos, m.v. Agoor, m.v. Lily, owned by our company and registered in this country, all preceded the first Kedmah, most of them by over 10 years. The vessels participated actively in the war effort during the Second World War; some were the first to enter Benghazi Port during the first Libyan campaign and some were engaged in supplying Tobruk during the siege. When the British Mandate came to an end our company still owned the s.s. Aliisa II, s.s. Amal and m.s. Atid, and all these vessels were employed strenuously in bringing vital emergency materials to this country during our War of Independence.

Yours etc.,

ATID NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

Haifa, January 4.

KEEPING POSTED

QUITE a few people think that seeing the human race invented bows and arrows, but didn't have the sense not to use them against other humans, and invented V-1s and V-2s and didn't have the sense not to use *them*, they are in the end going to use the H-bomb too and that we shall all be wiped out. We have discovered that the only way to escape this fate is to apply to I.U.P.N. (the International Union for the Protection of Nature), whose headquarters are in Brussels, and ask for protection on the score that even if the extermination of the human race is not quite as imminent as that of the whooping cranes, it is certainly also threatened. The winter quarters of the whooping cranes at Aransas on the Gulf of Mexico was wanted for night photo-flash bombing manoeuvres. This was obviously going to disturb the cranes who should be building their nests at that time. As there are now only 28 of these remarkable birds left, the I.U.P.N. appealed to various public bodies, and finally the Audubon Society of Canada promised to establish a reserve for them of 2,500 square miles, (180 square miles per crane family), or about a third of the area of Israel. This generous reserve is at Wood Buffalo Park, just near Great Slave Lake, but before you attempt to qualify as a whooping crane, you should know that it stands four feet high and has a wing-span of about seven feet and dazzling white plumage. They earned their name because at migration time they circle around the sky in flocks, giving off echoing great whoops.

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"I don't know how much use I was in the Negev," says one of the returned volunteers, "but I must admit I enjoyed it. Funny thing is, the regular kibbutzniks seemed to like having us too, though sometimes we wondered whether we could possibly be worth the mountains of food we needed to keep us going out of doors. The first time we came into the dining room in a group I felt a bit of a fool, but the others looked at us with a sort of affectionate pride, so much as to say they appreciated the effort. The chief thing, in a way, is simply to know what it feels like to be down there, so near the reality of drought and plant disease and shortage of labour and infiltrators. I said to one of the men I worked with I hoped he would come up and spend a week in my office in Jerusalem around the end of the financial year, and get a first-hand idea of the frustrations of a government official. He looked a bit surprised, but said he'd come if he could get away from the job at that time."

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AFTER that he rolled up his sleeves and proudly showed us several deep scratches he acquired while helping to put up barbed wire fences, an art that cannot be learnt in a week. He said that now that he had left quite a quantity of his own blood in the Negev he felt just a little easier about leaving its continued defence to other people. "You know those expensive saddle-leather handbags and luggage they used to sell in the States? It always said 'genuine Western hide,' with the original barbed wire scratched etched deep into the surface." That's how I feel now. "Genuine Negev hands, with marks that will take a long time to disappear."

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AN indignant correspondent complains in a neatly penned letter that while it was reasonable enough of our artist to seek to point the moral of inflation by showing the great packets of paper money needed to buy an ice-cream cone in Germany in 1923, this commodity did not in fact cross the Alps before 1930. And even when it did, it was sold exclusively for a number of years by Italian vendors who switched to roast chestnuts for the winter season. The picture showing a Kaiser Wilhelm-type German selling ice-cream during the inflation is therefore both an anachronism and a misapprehension. We are glad that this point has been cleared up fully.

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